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Serial No.: 10/531,825

Group No.: 3618

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For: MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A MOVING HOOD

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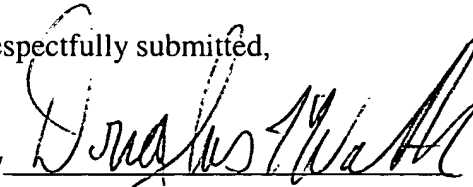
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Respectfully submitted,

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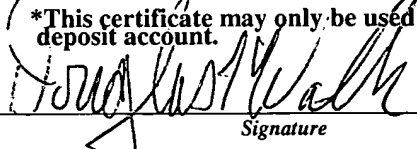
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